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HF 2146 - Sex Offender Registry (LSB 5222 HV)
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Description

House File 2146 makes changes to the sex offender registry requirements for persons convicted of incest against dependent adults.

Assumptions

1. Charge, conviction, and sentencing patterns and trends will not change over the projection period.
2. Prisoner length of stay, revocation rates, and other corrections policies and practices will not change over the projection period.
3. The law will become effective July 1, 2004. A lag effect of six months is assumed, from the law's effective date to the date of the first entry of affected offenders into the correctional system.
4. Incest against a minor is already an offense for which the State requires registry as a sex offender. The Bill adds incest against dependent adults to the list of offenses.
5. In FY 2003, there were seven persons convicted of incest. Of these seven convictions, four were granted probation and three were ordered to serve prison terms.
6. In FY 2003, three people who had been serving time for incest were released from prison. Persons sentenced to prison for this offense must register as a sex offender upon release.
7. During FY 2003 and the first half of FY 2004, where the age of the victim of incest was available, five of the offenders who were admitted to probation or prison had minors as victims.
8. In cases where the age of the victim could not be determined and concurrent convictions for other sex offenses exist, sex offender registering is required.

Correctional Impact

No significant correctional impact is anticipated due to the low number of convictions for incest.

Fiscal Impact

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated due to the low number of convictions.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Judicial Branch
Department of Corrections
Department of Public Safety

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